

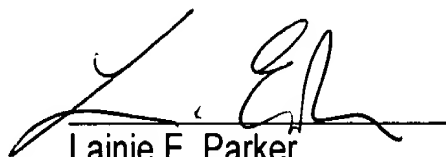
uncharged group or atom capable of charge formation and at least partially converting said uncharged group or atom into a charged group or atom, and mixtures thereof. The invention further relates to charged polyurethane obtainable by the process, an aqueous dispersion thereof and the use thereof in a method of surface-treating a material in sheet or web form by applying the charged polyurethane to the surface of the material.--

Remarks

This preliminary amendment amends claims 1-16 and adds new claims 17-18 without the addition of new matter thereby. The claims being amended herein resulted from an Article 34 amendment in the International phase of this application.

Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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